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PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

September 22, 1982

Dear George:

At the September 9 meeting of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, we were briefed by Ambassador Henry Cohen, the Deputy Director of INR. The focus of our discussion was the reduction of the Soviet intelligence presence in the United States.

During our discussion with Ambassador Cohen, the Board learned that there are 187 permanently assigned American personnel in the Embassy in Moscow and Consulate General in Leningrad (while there are 209 Soviet personnel), in contrast with 320 positions allowed Soviet diplomats at their Embassy in Washington and the Consulate General in San Francisco. The reason given to the Board for the difference in numbers is the United States Government's decision to hire Soviets to occupy "non-sensitive" menial positions, such as telephone operators, drivers, etc., since the United States Government lacks the personnel and funding to fill these positions with Americans. We were also told that housing facilities were not available for additional staff in Moscow and that it would cost the Government \$100,000 for each person assigned overseas. The Soviets, on the other hand, fill such positions in their diplomatic establishments with Soviets. (They do have, however, six Americans who work as groundkeepers at their Embassy in Washington.)

The Board finds it difficult to understand why we would allow so many Soviets to work at the American Embassy in Moscow for the reasons enumerated by Ambassador Cohen.

Since this subject is of great concern to the Board, I would like to personally discuss it with you. My staff will call Ray Seitz to set a time for me to meet with you at your convenience.

It was wonderful to see you and O'Bie. Thanks for the lovely letters.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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